COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

EXCEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)) CASE NO. 2000-136
ALLEGED VIOLATION(S) OF KRS 278.535))
SWITCHING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER)

ORDER

On March 24, 2000, the Commission issued an Order to Excel Telecommunications, Inc. ("Excel") to show cause why it should not be found in violation for thirty-one alleged violations of KRS 278.535 and KRS 278.990. Excel filed a response to the Commission's Order and requested an informal conference with Commission Staff. An informal conference was held on May 31, 2000, pursuant to an Order of the Commission. Commission Staff and Excel have entered into a Settlement Agreement in which Excel agrees to pay \$65,000 for all pending alleged violations. Excel has provided the Commission with sufficient proof that it has implemented internal procedures to significantly deter future violations of KRS 278.535.

After due consideration of the proposed Settlement Agreement and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that the Settlement Agreement is fair and reasonable and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Settlement Agreement, attached as Appendix A, is incorporated into

this Order as if fully set forth herein.

2. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Excel shall make a payment of

\$65,000 to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in settlement of this case. This payment

shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer

and shall be mailed or delivered to the Office of General Counsel, Public Service

Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of October, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director